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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has requested that the Election made via telephone on 9/7/2004 be confirmed in the office action. Applicant hereby confirms the election of Species IV, Fig. 4, claims 1-20 as stated in the present office action.

Drawings

The Examiner has required that claims 4-12 must show every structural feature claimed or the features must be canceled from the claims. Claims 4-12 have been canceled therefore rendering the objections to the drawings moot.

Claim remarks with regards to 35 U.S.C. §102

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-3, 6-7, 9 and 13-20 as being anticipated by Rodnunsky '426. Claims 2-12, 15-16 and 18-20 have been canceled rendering the corresponding rejections to claims 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 15, 16, 18, 19 and 20 moot.

As amended claim 1 is not anticipated by Rodnunsky '426 since Rodnunsky '426 does not comprise at least the limitation "a platform coupled with sheaves that do not comprise brakes". The operation of the line in '426 comprises moving the line in a continuous loop wherein sheaves comprising brakes stop the sheaves from allowing the line to freely pass by thereby allowing for the platform of '426 to move one direction of the other along the Y axis. This limitation has also been added to claims 14 and 17 and therefore Rodnunsky '426 does not

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anticipate the amended claims 1, 14 and 17. Since claim 13 depends on claim 1, it is therefore not anticipated by '426 since it comprises all of the limitations of currently amended claim 1.

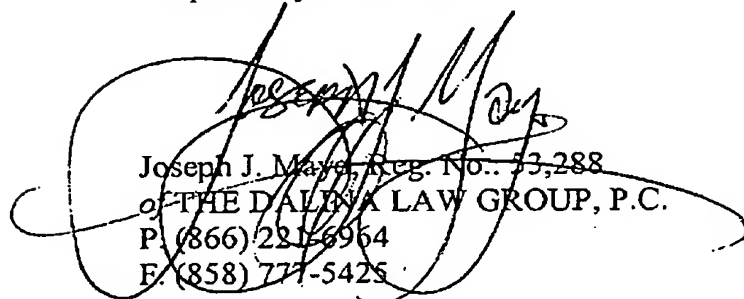
Claim remarks with regards to 35 U.S.C. §103

The Examiner has rejected claims 4, 8 and 10-12 as being obvious over Rodnunsky '426 and has rejected claim 5 also in view of Gibson '535. Claims 4, 5, 8, 10, 11 and 12 have been canceled rendering the rejection to these claims moot.

CONCLUSION

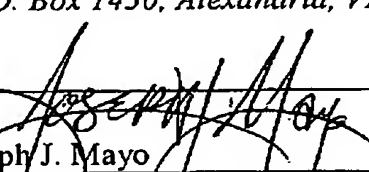
For at least the reasons stated herein, Applicant respectfully submits that the currently amended claims are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner differs in this conclusion, the Examiner is hereby requested to contact Applicant's representative for purposes of a telephone interview at the number listed below before any action (other than an allowance) is initiated.

Respectfully submitted,



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